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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/54/605/Add.2)*]

54/170. Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 53/144 of 9 December 1998, by which it adopted the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, annexed to that resolution,

Reiterating the importance of the Declaration,

Convinced of the important role of the Commission on Human Rights in following up the Declaration,

Noting with deep concern that, in many countries, persons and organizations engaged in promoting and defending human rights and fundamental freedoms are facing threats, harassment and insecurity as a result of those activities,

1. *Calls upon* Governments, specialized agencies and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to submit, at the request of the Secretary-General, on the basis of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1999/66 of 28 April 1999,[1] proposals and ideas that should contribute substantially to further work on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1999, Supplement No. 3* (E/1999/23), chap. II, sect. A.

Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;

2. *Calls upon* the Commission on Human Rights to consider at its fifty-sixth session the report to be prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to Commission resolution 1999/66;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on measures to implement the Declaration;

4. *Decides* to consider this question at its fifty-fifth session, under the item entitled "Human rights questions".

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